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*Sanitary report from Nome, Alaska—Smallpox at Port Safety.*NOME, ALASKA, *August 25, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that there is now only 1 patient at the smallpox detention hospital. He is about well, and will be discharged the first part of next week.

A few days ago Dr. Lloyd saw in one of the local papers a reference to a case of smallpox in the Indian village near the Nome River Barracks, which is about 4 miles from here. This morning we visited the barracks, and later the village. The acting assistant surgeon in charge at the barracks reported that during the night of the 16th instant a canoe containing 8 Indians arrived at the village from Port Safety. One of them was a child, whom he found to have a well-developed case of smallpox, and whom he immediately isolated. He also isolated and vaccinated the 7 others, and being unable to find out how much communication there had been with the village, vaccinated all its inhabitants. The vaccine, however, proved to be worthless, so I sent him this afternoon material for 500 vaccinations, for which he will give me a receipt. Port Safety is about 20 miles east of here, and I have directed Dr. Lloyd to proceed there and trace, as far as possible, the source of this case and of any others he may be advised of.

The practicing physicians of the town and vicinity have had under treatment during the past week the following number of cases: Typhoid fever, 26; pneumonia, 15; dysentery, 10; bronchitis, 8; tonsilitis, 8; tuberculosis, 4; intermittent malarial fever, 3; rheumatism, 3; measles, 2; pleurisy, 1, and anthrax, 1. There were 2 deaths during the week, 1 of pneumonia and 1 of cerebral embolism. Reports of destitution, much sickness, and a great percentage of deaths among the aborigines come in with every vessel from all points along the Alaskan coast, as well as from the Siberian coast, the diseases seeming to be principally measles, pneumonia, and influenza.

The temperature continues mild and with the exception of two rainy days the weather has been clear and fine during the week just ended.

Respectfully,

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*History of smallpox at Nome, Alaska.*NOME, ALASKA, *September 1, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the last case of smallpox was discharged from the detention hospital on Sunday, the 26th ultimo, and that the tents, buildings, and all things used therein were destroyed by fire on Tuesday, the 28th ultimo, under the immediate supervision of Drs. Hornsby and Ostrom, appointees of Lieutenant Jarvis. I inclose a copy of the report of the cases treated, made to Lieutenant Jarvis by Dr. H. C. Ostrom, the physician in charge of the hospital. Much credit is due Lieutenant Jarvis and his able assistant, Dr. S. J. Cole, but especially the former, for the prompt and effective measures taken to stamp out what at one time threatened to be a fearful epidemic.

According to directions, a copy of which I inclose, Assistant Surgeon Lloyd left on horseback for Port Safety the morning of the 29th ultimo.

The practicing physicians of the town and vicinity have had under treatment during the past week the following number of cases: Typhoid fever, 27; acute dysentery, 22; pneumonia, 11; tonsilitis, 8; bronchitis, 7; rheumatism, 7; measles, 4; tuberculosis, 3; intermittent